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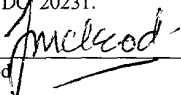
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HAVING AN INTEGRAL TOP
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

In the Specification

On the first page of the patent application, after the title, please add the following:

This is a Continuation application of co-pending prior Application No.
09/482,152 filed on January 12, 2000, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by
reference.

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In the Claims

Please CANCEL claims 1-9

Please ADD the following claims:

10. (New) A mouse capable of executing a button function, the button function being incorporated into a housing component of the mouse, the housing component being configured to substantially enclose electronics associated with the mouse.
11. (New) The mouse as recited in claim 10 wherein the housing component is pushed in its entirety to execute the button function.
12. (New) The mouse as recited in claim 10 wherein the button function is associated with performing an on screen action.
13. (New) The mouse as recited in claim 12 wherein the electronics generate on screen action signals
14. (New) The mouse as recited in claim 10 wherein the electronics generate cursor control signals
15. (New) A mouse, comprising:
a top member capable of being grasped by a user, the top member serving as a button so as to perform an on screen action.
16. (New) The mouse as recited in claim 15 wherein the top member is a portion of the housing of the mouse.
17. (New) The mouse as recited in claim 15 wherein the top member is an integrated piece having no separate mechanical buttons disposed thereon.

18. (New) A mouse having a movable enclosure for actuating a clicking action associated with performing an on screen action.
19. (New) The mouse as recited in claim 18 wherein the enclosure includes a first member and a second member, the first and second members cooperating to form a housing of the mouse, the first member being configured to make moving contact with a surface, the second member being movably coupled to the first member so as to provide the clicking action.
20. (New) An input device, comprising:
a base member; and
a top member cooperating with the base member to (form a housing of the input device) substantially enclose internal components of the input device, the top member moving relative to the base member to provide a clicking action.
21. (New) The input device as recited in claim 20 wherein the internal components include electronics associated with moving a cursor on a display.
22. (New) The input device as recited in claim 20 wherein the base member is configured to make moving contact with a surface.
23. (New) The input device as recited in claim 20 wherein the top member is movably coupled to the base member
24. (New) The input device as recited in claim 23 wherein the top member is capable of moving between a first position, placing the top member away from the base member and a second position, placing the top member towards the base member
25. (New) The input device as recited in claim 24 wherein the clicking action is implemented by moving the top member to the second position.
26. (New) The input device as recited in claim 24 further including a biasing spring pad for biasing the top member in the first position.

27. (New) The input device as recited in claim 23 wherein the top member is pivotally coupled to the base member

28. (New) The input device as recited in claim 27 wherein the top member includes a pair of pivots, and wherein the base member includes a pair of snap mechanisms for matingly engaging the pair of pivots.

29. (New) The input device as recited in claim 20 wherein the entire top member serves as a button for actuating an internal electronic switch configured to register the clicking action as an input to the electronics of the input device.

30. (New) The input device as recited in claim 29 wherein the electronic switch is coupled to the base member, and wherein the top member includes an elongated member for engaging the electronic switch.

31. (New) The input device as recited in claim 20 wherein the top member is an integrated piece having no separate mechanical buttons disposed thereon.

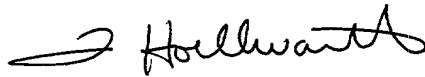
REMARKS

Claims 1-9 have been cancelled. Claims 10-31 have been added. Thus, claims 10-31 are pending in the application.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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